



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN W. HESTERMAN III

Maj. Gen. John W. Hesterman III is Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. General Hesterman is responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff for formulating policy supporting air, space, irregular warfare, counterproliferation, homeland security, weather and cyber operations. As the deputy Air Force Operations Deputy to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Hesterman determines operational requirements, capabilities and training necessary to support national security objectives and military strategy.

General Hesterman grew up in an Air Force family and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1983. He has served in a variety of positions in Germany, Korea, England and the United States, and has held staff assignments on the Air Staff and the Joint Staff. The general has commanded the 494th Fighter Squadron, the 4th Operations Group, the 12th Flying Training Wing, and the 48th Fighter Wing.



General Hesterman has served as an instructor pilot in the F-16C, F-117A, F-15E and T-38C. He flew in the first wave of Operation Desert Storm and served as an expeditionary squadron commander in operations Provide Comfort, Deny Flight, Deliberate Guard, and Northern Watch. Most recently, he served as U.S. Central Command's Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander.

EDUCATION

1983 Bachelor of Science degree in international affairs, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1989 Master of Aviation Science degree, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
1994 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
1995 Master of Public Administration degree, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1999 Master of Strategic Studies degree, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2003 Summer Program in History and Politics, University of Oxford, England
2008 Combined Maritime Component Commanders Course, Naples, Italy
2009 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1983 - August 1984, student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. September 1984 - January 1985, student, lead-in fighter training, Holloman AFB, N.M.

3. January 1985 - September 1985, student, F-4 training, Homestead AFB, Fla.
4. October 1985 - June 1987, F-4E pilot, Spangdahlem Air Base, West Germany
5. June 1987 - September 1987, student, F-16C training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
6. September 1987 - October 1988, F-16C pilot, Spangdahlem AB, West Germany
7. January 1989 - March 1990, F-16C instructor pilot, Kunsan AB, South Korea
8. March 1990 - January 1992, F-117A instructor pilot, Tonopah Test Range, Nev.
9. January 1992 - September 1994, member, Chief of Staff's Operations Group, and aide-de-camp to the Air Force Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. September 1994 - June 1995, student, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
11. July 1995 - December 1995, student, F-15E training, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
12. January 1996 - April 1997, assistant operations officer, later, operations officer, 492nd Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England
13. May 1997 - May 1998, Commander, 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England
14. July 1998 - June 1999, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. June 1999 - May 2001, special assistant to the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2001 - July 2002, Commander, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
17. July 2002 - May 2004, Deputy Director for Colonel Matters, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. May 2004 - January 2006, Commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas
19. January 2006 - July 2006, special assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
20. August 2006 - June 2007, Deputy Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
21. June 2007 - August 2008, Commander, 48th Fighter Wing, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England
22. September 2008 - June 2010, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs for Europe, NATO, Russia and Africa (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
23. July 2010 - June 2011, Deputy Commander, Air Forces Central Command; Deputy, Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command; Vice Commander 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force, Air Combat Command, Southwest Asia
24. July 2011 - present, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999 - May 2001, special assistant to the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
2. September 2008 - June 2010, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs for Europe, NATO, Russia and Africa (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a brigadier general and major general
3. July 2010 - June 2011, Deputy, Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,200

Aircraft flown: F-4D/E, F-16C, F-117A, F-15E and T-38C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Distinguished Flying Cross with "V" device

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1983

First Lieutenant June 1, 1985

Captain June 1, 1987

Major March 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 1, 1997

Colonel April 1, 2000

Brigadier General June 4, 2007

Major General Feb. 12, 2010

(Current as of August 2011)